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HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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#### STATE OF HAWAII

#### HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of	) CASE NO. OSH 2009-12
	) (Inspection No. 311434393)
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	
AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,	) STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT
	) AGREEMENT; EXHIBIT A; APPROVAL
Complainant,	) AND ORDER
	)
vs.	)
	)
TELECABLE SYSTEMS, INC.,	)
	)
Respondent.	

#### STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Complainant DARWIN L.D. CHING, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations ("Director") and Respondent TELECABLE SYSTEMS, INC. ("Respondent") having reached a full and complete settlement of the above-captioned contested case presently pending before the Hawaii Labor Relations Board ("Board") stipulate and agree as follows:

On or about September 24, 2008, the Director, by and through the State of Hawaii's Occupational Safety and Health Division ("HIOSH"), inspected Respondent's

workplace located at 73-4165 Hulikoa Drive #1, Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740.

As a consequence of said inspection, the Director, through HIOSH's Administrator, issued a Citation and Notification of Penalty on February 13, 2009 ("Citation") to Respondent alleging violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Standards and assessed an aggregate penalty of \$1,375.00. See Exhibit A.

Respondent timely contested the Citation.

THEREFORE, to avoid the expense of litigation and to compromise and settle the above-captioned case, the parties, by and through their respective representatives, stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this contested case pursuant to section 396-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").
- 2. At all relevant times, Respondent maintained a workplace at 73-4165 Hulikoa Drive, #1, Kailua Kona, Hawaii 96740.
- At all relevant times, Respondent was an employer, as defined in HRS § 396-3, and employed employees, as defined in HRS § 396-3, and was therefore subject to the requirements of HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law.
- 4. Respondent agrees that it has abated each violation listed in the Citation in compliance with the abatement requirements under Hawaii Administrative Rule § 12-51-22.
- 5. The violations and corresponding characterizations as stated in the Citation are affirmed. See Exhibit A.
- 6. The Director reduces the aggregate penalty from \$1,375.00 to \$618.75 which shall be paid in full to the Director of Budget and Finance upon the execution of this

Agreement.

7. Except for the stipulated amendments described above, the Citation is

confirmed in all other respects and upon approval by the Board, this Agreement and the Citation,

as amended, shall become a final order of the Director.

8. Respondent shall post a copy of this Agreement and Order in a prominent

place at or near the location of the posting of the Citation, and the Agreement and Order shall

remain posted for three working days (excluding weekends and State holidays).

Respondent shall continue to comply with HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii 9.

Occupational Safety and Health Law, and the related rules.

Nothing in this Agreement shall bar the Director from taking any action 10.

regarding future acts or practices by Respondent which may be alleged to violate HRS chapter

396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law, or the related rules.

Upon approval of this Agreement, all proceedings before the Board shall 11.

be dismissed.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii,

June 22, 2009

TELECABLE SYSTEMS, INC

SIDNEY TIMIZ

President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

ROBYNM. KUWABE

Deputy Attorney General

Attorney for Director of Labor and

Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED BY HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD:

ORDER NO. 323 DATED: June 22, 2009

AMES BANCHOLSON, Chair

EMORY J. SPRINGER, Member

SARAH'R. HIRAKAMI, Member

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION 830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425 HONOLULU, HI 96813

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Certified Number: 7006 3450 0003 7802 8045



# Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

TeleCable Systems Inc and its successors 73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1 Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Inspection Site: 73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1 Kailua Kona, Hl 96740

(Charles 311434393 Inspection Number:

Clark)

09/24/2008- 09/24/2008 Inspection Date(s): Issuance Date: 02/13/2009

X8851 OSHCO ID: Optional Report No.: 07808

Planned Inspection Type:

Comprehensive Inspection Scope of Inspection:

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty describes violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties, unless within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you mail a notice of contest to the State of Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Law has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Law or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays), whichever is longer. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

EXHIBIT.

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Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Administrator during the 20 calendar day contest period. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Administrator within 20 calendar days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 5, Notice to Employees, next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Employers' Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. <u>Unless you inform the Administrator in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies) within 20 calendar days after receipt, the citation(s) and the penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and may not be reviewed by any court or agency. Once a letter of contest is received, it becomes the jurisdiction of the HLRB.</u>

**Penalty Payment** - Penalties are due within 20 calendar days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to "Director of Budget and Finance." Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

HIOSH does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For each violations which you do not contest, you are required by Section 12-51-22 to submit an Abatement Certification to HIOSH. The certification must be sent by you within 5 calendar days of the abatement date indicated on the citation. For Willful and Repeat violations, documents (examples: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstrating that abatement is complete must accompany the certification. Where the citation is classified as Serious and the citation states that abatement documentation is required, documents such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

All abatement verification documents must contain the following information: 1) Your name and address; 2) the inspection number (found on the front page); 3) the citation and citation item number(s) to which the submission relates; 4) a statement that the information is accurate; 5) the signature of the employer or employer's authorized representative; 6) the date the hazard was corrected; 7) a brief statement of how the hazard was corrected; and 8) a statement that affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

The law also requires a copy of all abatement verification documents, required by Section 12-51-22 to be sent to HIOSH, also be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 60 days after the discrimination occurred with the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Employees' Right to Contest - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above and postmarked within 20 calendar days of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data - You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this ofice.

#### ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION

DARWIN L.D. CHING, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425
HONOLULU, HI 96813

TeleCable Systems Inc 73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1 Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Citation and Notification of Penalty

The hazard referenced Citation	in Inspection Number and Item	was corrected of	or on	r the violation identified as	
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Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division



# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with HIOSH to discuss the cit	tation(s) issued on
02/13/2009. The conference will be held at the HIOSH office located at 83	0 PUNCHBOWL
STREET, ROOM 425, HONOLULU, HI, 96813 on at	<u> </u>
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an info	rmal conference.

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Hawaii Occupational Safety And Health Division Inspection Number: 311434393

Inspection Dates: 09/24/2008-09/24/2008

Issuance Date: 02

02/13/2009



## Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

TeleCable Systems Inc

Inspection Site:

73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.184(i)(9)(iii) [Refer to chapter 12-73.1, HAR] was violated because:

A section of a synthetic web sling towards the eye area was worn and frayed. The inner red and green strands were exposed indicating the sling needed to be taken out of service. The damaged sling exposed employees to potential serious injuries from struck-by hazards.

29 CFR 1910.184(i)(9)(iii) states "Removal from service. Synthetic web slings shall be immediately removed from service if any of the following conditions are present:

- (i) Acid or caustic burns;
- (ii) Melting or charring of any part of the sling surface;
- (iii) Snags, punctures, tears or cuts;
- (iv) Broken or worn stituches; or
- (v) Distortion of fittings."

Location: Warehouse

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Penalty:

Corrected \$ 375.00

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**Issuance Date:** 02/13/2009



### Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

TeleCable Systems Inc

Inspection Site:

73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Other

29 CFR 1904.1(a)(2) [Refer to chapter 12-52.1, HAR] was violated because:

The required OSHA 300 and 300A forms were not maintained.

29 CFR 1904.1(a)(2) states "If your company had more than ten (10) employees at any time during the last calendar year, you must keep OSHA injury and illness records unless your establishment is classified as a partially exempt industry under §1904.2."

Location: Establishment

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

02/23/2009

Penalty:

\$ 1,000.00

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Hawaii Occupational Safety And Health Division Inspection Number: 311434393

Inspection Dates: 09/24/2008-09/24/2008

Issuance Date:

02/13/2009



# Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

TeleCable Systems Inc

Inspection Site:

73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Other Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation:

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(4)(iii) [Refer to chapter 12-73.1, HAR] was violated because:

The forklift operator's performance had not been evaluated at least once every three years.

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(4)(iii) states "An evaluation of each powered industrial truck operator's performance shall be conducted at least once every three years."

Location: Establishment

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

03/18/2009

Penalty:

0.00

Director



Department of Labor and Industrial Relations HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION 830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425 HONOLULU, HI 96813

### SUMMARY OF PENALTIES

Company Name:

TeleCable Systems Inc

Inspection Site:

73-4165 Hulikoa Dr #1, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

**Issuance Date:** 

02/13/2009 -

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 311434393

Citation 1, Serious
Citation 2, Other
TOTAL PENALTIES

= \$ 375.00 = \$ 1,000.00 = \$ 1,375.00

Make check or money order payable to the "Director of Budget and Finance." Please indicate the <u>inspection number</u> and dba, if company name is different, on the remittance. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for any returned checks.

If receipt is desired, please indicate with payment; otherwise, <u>your cancelled check will be your receipt</u>.